

SPORTS REPORT

Probably the most interesting game of the season was the basketball game between the men teachers and the basketball teams. Some of the players were Mr. Denson, Mr. Moss, Mr. Skinner, Mr. Ridley, Mr. Malone, Mr. Zemanek, Mr. Gross, Mr. Barfield, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Thomasson and Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Denson was clad in red and black pajamas as well as a basketball uniform. Mr. Moss also wore pajamas. The student basketball team won 57-42. Some of the teachers acted as cheerleaders. Among these were Mrs. Rose and Miss Jones. Mrs. Rawlins gave the teachers' team water during the time out periods. Most of the crowd seemed to be for the teachers although they lost.

Pershing's first basketball game was with Deady, January 5th. The A team played here. The B team played at Deady. Richard Tinsley, an all city player, scored nineteen points for Pershing. The final score was Pershing 42, Deady 32. The B team also won their game at Deady.

Our B team is composed of Don Eastwood, Lee Raesener, J. Taylor, Bill Richardson, Robert Allred, Bob Jenkins, Jim Fox, Bill Batjer, Butch Baynes, Joel Mathis, Hal Hilburn, Jim Berly, Gene Marshal, Ben

Langford, Bill Byrd, Joe Taylor, Lee Schlanger, Don Matheny and Kenny Anderson.

The members of the A team were listed in the last issue.

Our B team beat Jackson 42-32 January 7th but our A team lost to Jackson 38-46.

Our next game is with Lanier on January 13th. Our A team will play here and our B team will play at Lanier. The game should be a good one. Admission is only 15c.

Basketball Results For "A" Team

Pershing 61—Marshall 43
Pershing 43—Burbank 42
Pershing 61—Hogg 38
Pershing 52—Hamilton 32
Pershing 49—Deady 44
Pershing 34—Edison 53
Pershing 42—Deady 32
Pershing 38—Jackson 44
Pershing 31—Lanier 41
Pershing —Johnston
Pershing —Edison

Begin Passball Intramurals

Girls' passball intramurals begin January 8 and are still in progress. The eighth and ninth grades have completed their finals with Mrs. Johnson's girls the winners of the eighth grade and Mr. Ridley's team the winner of the ninth grade.

The seventh grade games have not been completed but so far the following teams are winners having won their preliminary games: Early, Evans, Hansen, McLure and LaVerne.

Passball is a game which helps to prepare girls for basketball. The object of the game is to pass and dribble the ball around the court and receive points by catching the ball behind the goal line. Miss Noack, of the girls' P.E. department, is in charge of the passball intramurals.

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Basketball practice in the girls' gym.
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Football Dance Honors Players

The Football Dance, honoring the Pershing 1953 football team and the cheerleaders, was held Friday, January 15, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

The dance was sponsored by the Student Council. A large crowd attended and a good time was had by all.

SWEETHEART DANCE

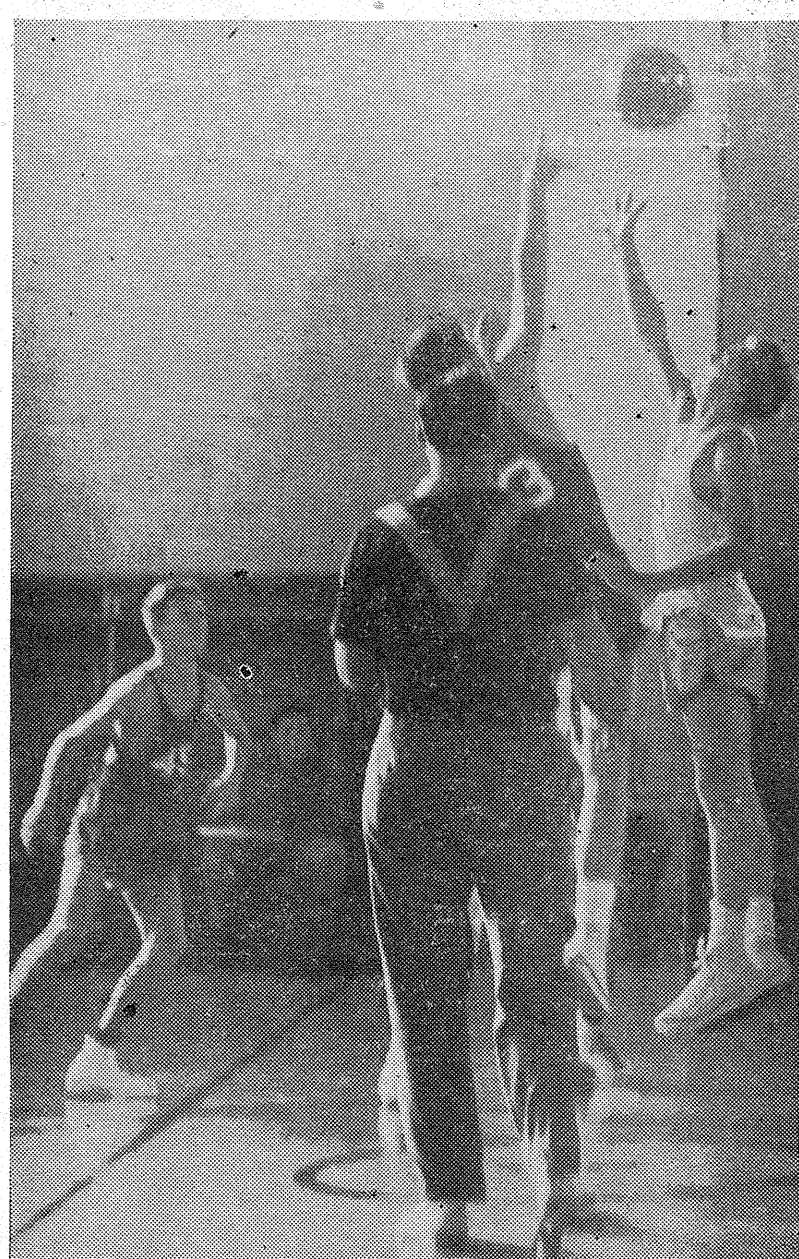
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— FORMAL —

Tea Dance

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 7th Grade
8:00 to 10:30 p.m. 8th and
9th Grade

TICKETS 50c



Richard Tinsley (Pershing) and Robert Eldred (Deady) jump for the ball as Pershing gets off to a good start in the Deady game.

—Photo by Harvey Wheeler.

Track Season Soon To Get Under Way

Tryouts for Pershing's 1954 track team will be started in the very near future. The team will be divided into two units, the younger team and the older group. These teams are not classified as the A and B teams, but as two separate divisions.

The teams will be divided as follows: those boys who have reached the age of 14 as of September 1, will be in the older group. Those who have not reached this age as of this date will be placed in the younger group. Any boy in Pershing may try out.

Besides track events, shotput, broadjump, and highjump may also be tried out for. Everyone is urged to try out for the team.

GOOD SEASON FOR "A" TEAM

As the basketball season nears its end, we find that Pershing is holding its own in the race for city championship.

The big boys, A team, has scored six victories out of nine games played. They defeated Marshall, Burbank, Hogg, Hamilton, Deady (twice) and had two more games to play when the CHATTER went to press. These were with Johnston and Edison.

The small boys, B team, have also set a good record for themselves this season.

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Honor Society Receive Awards In Assembly

American Legion Representatives Make Presentations To Winners

Buddy Lacy and Betty Hart were awarded the American Legion medals for honor students by members of the American Legion in a special assembly program, Monday, January 19, in the school auditorium. Runners-up for these awards were Richard Tinsley and Julie Soucek.

It has been the custom of the American Legion, for a number of years, to award medals of merit to the outstanding boy and girl of each graduating class in the Houston Junior High Schools. The selection of the winners is made on the basis of specific qualifications. These qualifications include scholarship, honor, courage, leadership, service and character.

Buddy Lacy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Lacy, 3722 Elmora, is a scholarship student with many honors to his credit. He was president of the high nine class, twice president of his homeroom, and a member of the Honor Society. Buddy has also been active in sports here at the school, having lettered in football for the '53 season.

Betty Hart, the girl's legion winner, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hart of 4814 Linden. Betty has also been outstanding during her three years here at Pershing. Besides her many scholarships, she has been cheerleader, sweetheart of her homeroom and class gym leader. Being an active member and officer in the Student Council, Betty has helped with the many duties and projects of that organization.

Julie Soucek, runner up for girls is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Soucek, who live at 6642 Rutgers. Julie was secretary of the Student Council, class leader in gym and chairman of her algebra class. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and has six scholarships to her credit.

Richard Tinsley, one of Pershing's most popular athletes, was outstanding in both the field of sports and in his scholastic work. Richard, the runner up for the boy's American Legion Award, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Tinsley of 8819 Link Meadow.

Career Films Shown In Auditorium

Two films on how to choose your vocation were presented in the auditorium program on January 7. One film was entitled "Choosing a Career in Music" and the other was entitled "Choosing a Career in Photography."

Both films stressed the importance of looking well into a vocation before choosing that particular job as your life's work. One of the best time of choosing your vocation is to talk with a person who has had experience in the field you have chosen. Since your occupation is one of the most important things in your life, you must be sure you have talent or interest in your occupation.

BETTY HART
Legion Winner

BUDDY LACY
Legion Winner

RICHARD TINSLEY
Legion Runner Up

JULIE SOUCEK
Legion Runner Up

Mr. Orman Speaks At H 9 Banquet

The High Nine Banquet was held in the school cafeteria on January 20. The banquet was a combination dinner and dance. Those attending the banquet were members of the four high nine registrations, Funchess, Vaught, Meisner, and Ferrell.

Mr. Ratliff introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Clarence Orman, retired principal of Pershing. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Orman, Mr. and Mrs. Ratliff, Mr. and Mrs. Denson and Mrs. McKinley.

Buddy Lacy was toastmaster and Walter Conrad gave the invocation which was followed by the Sextet singing the "Lord's Prayer." Carol Vincent entertained with a skit. The theme of the affair was "Starlight," with Peggy Johnston in charge of decorations.

MRS. CARMICAL SAYS FAREWELL

This year Pershing bade a sad farewell to one of its favorite teachers, Mrs. La Verne Carmical, who, for the past fifteen and a half years, has taught general science to Pershing students.

Mrs. Carmical graduated from Rice Institute with a Master's degree, majoring in English. She also completed eighteen hour's work on an Ed. D. degree.

Until now, Pershing has been the only school fortunate enough to have Mrs. Carmical as one of its faculty members. She will now teach English at Stephen F. Austin Senior High School in Houston.

Mrs. Carmical said that when she first came to Pershing she planned to teach English but Mr. Clarence Orman, who was principal at the time, made a science teacher out of her.

As a departing statement Mrs. Carmical said, "Although I am looking forward to my new assignment, I will feel lost without the wonderful people, both faculty and students, at Pershing. I will especially miss my homeroom and my classes and I hope that they will continue to do the good work that they have done and are capable of doing. I hope that Pershing will continue to excel in all fields as it has done in the past."

Mrs. Carmical added that she hoped to see her friends often and would be glad to have them drop by to see her whenever possible.

On behalf of the Pershing faculty and Pershing students, the Chatter Staff wishes the best of luck and success, complete with all the trimmings to Mrs. Carmical, who has come to be a part of Pershing. We are going to miss her and our school will never be the same without her.

Program and Tour Given Low Sevens

Approximately 190 future Low Seven students from West University, Roberts, Mark Twain, Horn, Condit, Will Rogers, and Cunningham elementary schools got their first good look at Pershing last Tuesday, January 19, at 12:30

After being received in the auditorium, the new students

were extended a welcome by Mrs. McKinley, Pershing's counselor. John Biggs, the president of the student council, served as master of ceremonies for a program that began with the band playing "Washington Post March" by Sousa and a Spanish

Projection Boys Awarded Letters

The Projection Club has announced the names of the high nine boys who will receive letters and certificates. They are: Harris Milam, Lane Powell, and Larry Fann. These boys have done very fine projection club work while at Pershing.

The following new members have qualified for operators cards: Rufus Hooks, John Jamison, Barry Madden, Ernest Alexander, Eddie Crowe, Arlan Ferguson, Don Strong, Clifford Anderson, Gerry Hale, Phillip Smith, John Williams, and Ray Wright. The Club is sure these boys will make fine projectionists.

The Projection Club will elect officers for the spring semester on Tuesday, January 12.

P.T.A. Plans Panel

The P.T.A. has recently announced that a panel discussion will be the main topic of their February 2 meeting.

The panel will be made up of three women, Mrs. Renard White, Mrs. R. H. Fore, and Mrs. J. L. Kilen. They will talk on the interesting subject, "P.T.A. Keeps Faith With America."

The last meeting was held January 5, in the school auditorium. The invocation was given by Joe Wall.

The guest speaker of the evening was Judge Spurgeon Bell. He spoke on "Developing Civic Responsibility." In his speech he advised the parents to make themselves a part of their children's activities and to make the children a part of their activities.

Parents of high sixth grade students coming to Pershing at mid-term were invited to attend the meeting. After Judge Bell's speech, Mrs. McKinley gave them a word of welcome.

The meeting was then closed by Mrs. Fogarty, the President of the P.T.A.

Sweetheart Dance To Be Held Feb. 12

The annual Sweetheart Dance will be given on February 12, in the school cafeteria by the Future Homemakers Club.

This year there will be a formal Tea Dance from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. for the seventh grade at which time the seventh grade sweetheart will be presented. Then a Formal Dance will be given from 8 to 10:30 P.M. for the eighth and ninth graders. The eighth and ninth grade sweethearts will be announced at this dance.

The sweethearts will be selected from the candidates elected from each homeroom prior to the dances.

Spelling Bee Under Way

The annual Spelling Bee is under way with seventh and eighth grade homerooms busy having elimination contest to determine the winners from their rooms.

The contest is sponsored by the Houston Press and the prize for the Houston area winner is a free trip to Washington D. C.

After homeroom winners have been selected, eliminations will be made by half grades.

All homerooms must turn in the names of their three contestants by February 5, to Mrs. Mattie Mae Lewis, who will sponsor the Spelling Bee.

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